



UPLANDS Cocksfoot

Hispanic Cocksfoot

Dactylis glomerata var. *hispanica*



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Winter Active / Specialist dryland cocksfoot

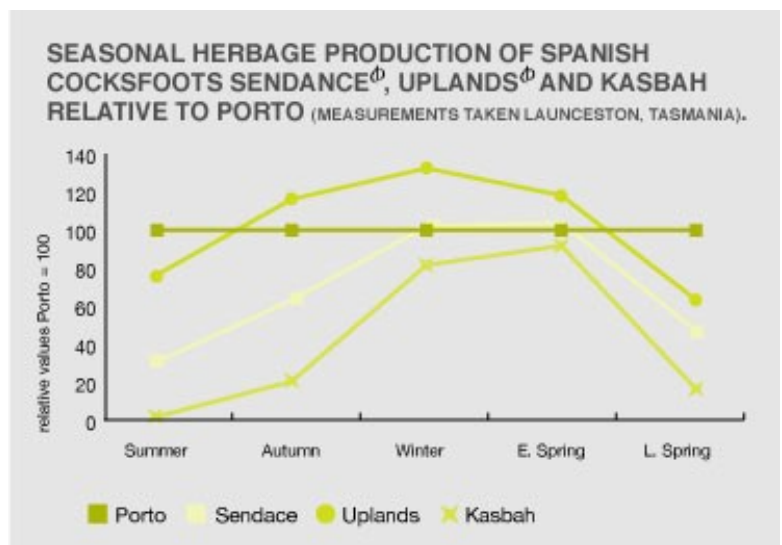
Uplands, Hispanic Cocksfoot

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Upland Cocksfoot is a tetraploid, fine leafed perennial forage grass, with a strong winter production curve. Uplands becomes dormant in very dry periods but will remain active in the summer as long as soil moisture is present.

The limiting factor to cocksfoot palatability is the level of N available to the plant. In the period Oct-Dec, 70% of a pasture should be N fixing clovers. Winter active Uplands will use this N over the cooler month to the benefit of our animals and soil requirements. Little or no frost damage has been reported with frosts to -9°C degrees. Upland is best adopted to well drained soils with medium to high fertility and temperate low rainfall areas between 300 mm–700 mm average rainfall. Just the plant we need!

- Autumn/ winter active, summer dormant
- High productivity of high energy forage and excellent nutritive value
- Very tolerant of high soil aluminium level and acid soils
- Companion plant for winter active tall fescue and legumes.
- No clumps
- Resistant to Grass grub attacks
- 8 t DM/ ha/year under dryland conditions at Mt. Pleasant recorded
- Persistent close grazing by sheep, once established



TYPICAL FEED TEST FIGURES

Crude protein (%DM) 21.6

Digestibility (%digestible DM) 76.8

Metabolizable energy (MJ/kg DM) 11.3

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Between 2- 5 kg/ha should be sown preferably in late summer to autumn with adequate soil moisture for sufficient seeding development . Direct drilling or broadcasting is possible with only little vegetation present. Drilling depth should not exceed more than 10mm, anything deeper than 10mm seed is unlikely to emerge.

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